BC Oil and Gas Commission

Quarterly Enforcement Action Summary

January 1, 2015 to March 31, 2015

The BC Oil and Gas Commission (Commission) is the provincial regulatory agency with responsibility for regulating oil and gas activities in British Columbia, including exploration, development, pipeline transportation and reclamation.

This summary provides a quarterly overview of enforcement actions undertaken by the Commission in 2015. Please contact ogc.communications@bcogc.ca with any questions or comments.

Orders – issued if there is a failure to comply with the Oil and Gas Activities Act (OGAA), associated regulations, permits or authorizations, or a previous order.

Tickets – issued under the authority of provincial acts for which the Commission has regulatory responsibility, including the Water Act, Land Act and Forest Act.

Administrative penalties – levied in the event of a contravention of OGAA, in accordance with the act and regulation.

Charges – recommended to Crown counsel for prosecution and possible court conviction.

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*Compliance categories with no enforcement actions issued during this quarter have not been listed.

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ORDERS

Operator	Location	Legislation	Description
Terra Energy Corp.	Fort St. John	Order 2015-001 49(1)(a)	Submit assessment of all suspended and inactive wells and action plan to correct, if necessary. Order terminated.
Guardian Exploration Inc.	Fort St. John	Order 2015-002 49(1)(a)	Remove all unused equipment, install surface casing vent and suspend wells. Compliance ongoing.
Murphy Oil Company Ltd.	Dawson Creek	Order 2015-003 49(1)(a)	Submit information related to drilling activities from wellsite. Compliance ongoing.
Richlyn Energy Ltd.	Fort St. John	Order 2015-004 49(1)(b)	Submit updated emergency response program and resources. Order terminated.

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TICKETS

Operator	Location	Legislation	Penalty	Description
Artek Exploration Ltd.	Fort St. John	22 Water Act	$230	Fail to keep/produce water records
Nova Gas Transmission Ltd.	Fort St. John	22 Water Act	$1,380 (6 tickets)	Fail to keep/produce water records
Saguaro Resources Ltd.	Fort St. John	22 Water Act	$1,610 (7 tickets)	Fail to keep/produce water records
Spyglass Resources Ltd.	Fort St. John	22 Water Act	$230	Fail to keep/produce water records
Westcoast Energy Inc.	Fort St. John	22 Water Act	$230	Fail to keep/produce water records

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ADMINISTRATIVE PENALTIES

Operator	Location	Legislation	Amount	Description
Artek Exploration Ltd.	Fort St. John	S. 12(1) Drilling and Production Regulation	$25,000	Failure to minimize risk of loss of well control.
Tenaka Drilling Consortium	Prophet River	S. 82 Oil and Gas Activities Act	$25,000	Failure to comply with General Order, requiring company to properly suspend well and correct wellsite deficiencies.
Sun Oil Fund Ltd.	Fort St. John	S. 4(1)(b) Pipeline Regulation	$2,000	Failure to provide two days' notice of a pressure test.
		S. 37(1)(a) Oil and Gas Activities Act	$2,000	Failure to prevent spillage.
Terra Energy Corp.	Fort St. John	S. 21(b)(ii) Oil and Gas Activities Act	$1,000	Failure to comply with a condition of a water source well permit within the required time period.
Canadian Natural Resources Ltd.	Fort St. John	No contravention	No penalty	Pipeline rupture due to excessive pressure. The Commission determined the Oil and Gas Activities Act was not contravened.
Suncor Energy	Hudson's Hope	S. 12(1) Drilling and Production Regulation	No penalty	Failure to minimize the risk of loss of well control.
Pembina NGL Corp.	Tower Lake	S. 3(1)(a) Pipeline Regulation	$20,000	Failure to prevent erosion on a pipeline right-of-way.